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PENCE URGES CALM AS TERROR ALERT RAISED

Washington, May 20, 2003 - Washington, D.C.--Congressman Mike Pence today urged Hoosiers and his fellow Americans to remain calm as the Bush Administration raised the terror alert level to high.

"Whenever the alert status is raised, the anxiety level of many Americans may go up as well," said Pence. "However, the higher alert status means high vigilance, not high anxiety.

"Perhaps the biggest reassurance to our safety should be the prevention of further terror attacks on our soil since 9-11," said Pence. "President Bush has done everything in his power to protect our homeland but part of it is up to us. That is why we must remain vigilant."

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